Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 18 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 19 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 17 Mar 2023 at 14:18 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of low cloud on Saturday otherwise high for unsettled weather. High for a brief change to colder and drier weather on Sunday. High for unsettled weather with rain early next week.

Headline for Saturday 18 Mar 2023: Cloudy with rain at times

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Fog	Light rain	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
30%	40%	40%	50%	70%	80%	20%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 18 Mar 2023

Weather: A cloudy day with outbreaks of rain. Rain will become more persistent and occasionally heavy along the west coast by the end of the morning. Then the afternoon will more see more in the way of widespread and persistent rain slowly moving east before drier weather spreads from the east by evening. The evening will be mainly dry but a few light showers possible along the west coast, these turning to snow above 900 metres or so.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance along the west coast in the morning

Low cloud and visibility: Poor in areas of cloud down to 400 to 700 metres, although the west coast may see some breaks in the cloud sheet but these confined to Sutherland by afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	18/25 E	18/25 E	21/28 E	21/27 SE	23/28 SE	21/27 S	21/28 W	19/26 W	26/35 NW
900	19/26 E	18/25 E	22/30 E	22/28 SE	19/25 SE	20/26 S	20/27 W	18/25 W	25/34 NW
600	17/26 SE	17/24 E	18/27 E	18/25 SE	14/20 SE	14/20 S	15/22 W	13/21 W	18/27 NW
300	10/21 E	11/21 E	9/22 E	6/19 E	2/13 SE	5/17 S	8/22 W	8/21 W	9/29 NW
Glen	17/25 E	16/23 E	17/26 E	14/22 E	7/16 SE	7/16 S	9/18 W	8/17 W	11/23 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	0/-6	0/-6	0/-6	1/-6	2/-4	3/-3	1/-6	-0/-6	-1/-9
900	1/-5	1/-5	1/-6	1/-5	3/-2	3/-2	2/-5	1/-5	-1/-8
600	3/-2	4/-2	3/-2	4/-1	6/2	5/1	4/-1	2/-2	1/-5
300	3/-0	3/-1	4/0	4/2	7/6	7/5	5/2	4/1	3/-1
Glen	6/2	7/3	6/2	8/5	10/8	9/7	7/5	6/4	5/2
Freezing Level*	1400m	1400m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1500m	1200m	1000m	700m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Nothing to add

Forecast for Sunday 19 Mar 2023
Weather: Low cloud with some light and patchy rain or snow at first. Then cloud breaking up through the morning to leave most of the day dry, high cloud spilling across from the west in the afternoon. Patchy light snow will develop in the evening.

Maximum wind: Northwesterly 15 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 800 metres at first, this breaking and lifting to leave only patchy cloud around 900 metres by afternoon. Cloud will lower and become more widespread down to 700 metres after dark.

Temperature: **Glens:** 0 rising to 7 Celsius
At 800m: 0 Celsius
Freezing level: 800 metres

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